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**STATE ENTERS \$250,000 AGREEMENT WITH ROAD SIGN INSPECTION  
COMPANY IN OVER-BILLING CASE**

The State of Tennessee has entered into a \$250,000 agreement with TRC, Ltd. following allegations of over-billing practices involving overhead road sign inspection work.

The company agreed to pay the State after it was alleged that TRC, Ltd. used inaccurate billing records.

"We appreciate the company stepping forward as good corporate citizens and correcting the problem," Attorney General Paul G. Summers said.

The issues arose following a 1999 collapse of an overhead road sign in Memphis. TDOT then contracted with TRC, Ltd. and Barge Waggoner to conduct a statewide safety evaluation of all overhead signs on interstates and state routes. Several agencies reviewed the TRC's billing practices and determined some billings were for employees working on other matters.

"The fact that the matter has come to this conclusion is a positive outcome for the department" said TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely. "I'm appreciative of the effort the Attorney General's Office invested in this issue."

The case included an investigation by the Tennessee Attorney General's Office, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, United States Attorneys Offices for the Middle, Eastern and Western Districts of Tennessee, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Atlanta Office of the Antitrust Division of the United States Department of Justice, the Atlanta Office of the Inspector General of the United States Department of Transportation, etc. The State Comptroller's office was also involved in the matter.

Persons having information concerning potentially illegal activity in the roadbuilding or related industries should call TBI Special Agent Joe Craig at 615.952.4989 or United States Department of Transportation Inspector General Special Agent Brad Wheeler at 404.562.3871.